

# PARENT MEMO

October 11, 2024

Dear Parents,

## FOOD BANK

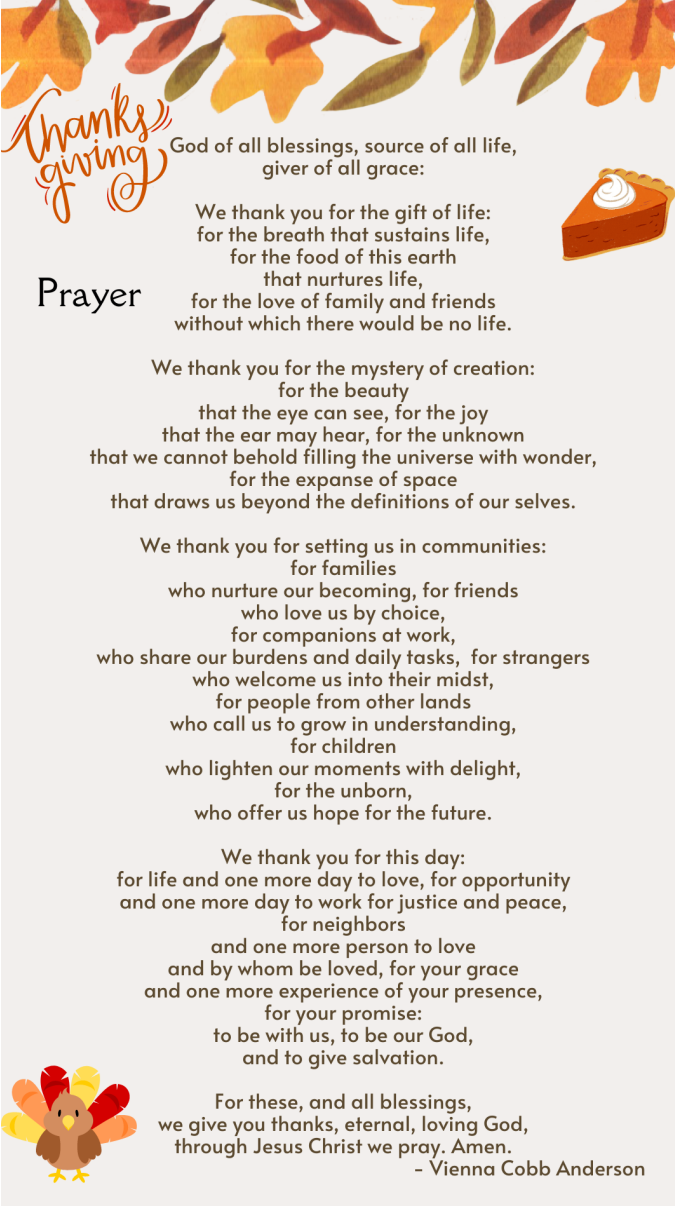
For the next two weeks the Student Council will be collecting non-perishable food items for local Food Banks. Please support our local food banks.

## CELEBRATION OF LIGHT – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

In keeping with this year’s spiritual theme, “Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith,” with a focus on Celebrating, we ask students to think about the many ways people celebrate and choose a costume/outfit that reflects Celebrating.

For example: clowns, cheerleaders, individuals in parades (Disney characters, marching band, gymnasts, baton twirlers, police officers, firefighters etc.), religious, traditional/cultural outfits, concerts, performers, etc. Students may also come to school dressed in their favourite fall colours.

**SCHOOL CLOSED** - on Monday, October 14 for Thanksgiving Holiday



*Thanksgiving*

God of all blessings, source of all life,  
giver of all grace:

We thank you for the gift of life:  
for the breath that sustains life,  
for the food of this earth  
that nurtures life,  
for the love of family and friends  
without which there would be no life.

**Prayer**

We thank you for the mystery of creation:  
for the beauty  
that the eye can see, for the joy  
that the ear may hear, for the unknown  
that we cannot behold filling the universe with wonder,  
for the expanse of space  
that draws us beyond the definitions of our selves.

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families  
who nurture our becoming, for friends  
who love us by choice,  
for companions at work,  
who share our burdens and daily tasks, for strangers  
who welcome us into their midst,  
for people from other lands  
who call us to grow in understanding,  
for children  
who lighten our moments with delight,  
for the unborn,  
who offer us hope for the future.

We thank you for this day:  
for life and one more day to love, for opportunity  
and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors  
and one more person to love  
and by whom be loved, for your grace  
and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise:  
to be with us, to be our God,  
and to give salvation.

For these, and all blessings,  
we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

- Vienna Cobb Anderson

